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NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice:—

That a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, March 22, 1915, at 2 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1914, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

Shanghai, February 27, 1915.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.
VON ZEPPELIN OBERMÜLLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.
T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.
A. ARIYOSHI,
Consul-General for Japan.
E. D. H. FRASER,
H.M. Consul-General.
V. GROSSE,
Consul-General for Russia.
J. E. HULTMAN,
Consul-General for Sweden.
G. BARJONA,
Consul-General for Portugal.
K. BERNAUER,
Consul-General for Austria-Hungary.
L. SCELSI,
Consul-General for Italy.
H. KNIPPING,
Consul-General for Germany.
GASTON KAHN,
Consul-General for France.
E. DE BLANCK,
Consul-General for Cuba.
THOMAS SAMMONS,
Consul-General for the United States of America.
JORGEN EITZEN,
Consul-General for Norway.
CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Consul for Spain.
CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Acting Consul for Mexico.
H. KNIPPING,
Acting Consul for Brazil.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2303.

THE following Resolutions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 22, 1915, and are published for general information:—

Resolution I.—Occupancy of the Chair.

Resolution II.—Appointment of a Secretary to the Meeting.

Resolution III.—Adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1914, be passed.

Resolution V.—That the estimated expenditure for 1915, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorized to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 600,000, by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than ten and not more than fifty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VI.—That this Meeting approves of the Extension of the Settlement upon the conditions set forth in the draft agreement presented to the Consular Body by Mr. Yang Cheng, Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, and published in the Muncipal Gazette on March 4.

Resolution VII.—That the Council be hereby authorized to raise upon the lines specified in Resolution V a loan not exceeding Tls. 400,000 for the purchase and erection of additional electrical plant.

Resolution VIII.—That, with a view to divesting itself of the management in detail of the Electricity Department, and because the methods of control of a business undertaking are dissimilar from those of the public service, the Council be hereby authorized to incorporate the Department as a Limited Liability Company; that the Company be denoted "The Shanghai Municipal Electricity Co., Ld."; and that the whole of the shares therein be allotted to the Council to hold on behalf of the Ratepayers.

Resolution IX.—That the extension of the Electricity Works recommended in the Electrical Engineer's Reports of February 5 and March 4 be approved, and that the Council be authorised in its discretion to enter into contracts in preparation for such extension and to raise the capital necessary for the purpose, viz: Tls. 2,000,000 in such manner as may be determined at the next Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Resolution X.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution XI.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Resolution XII.—Election of two members of the Permanent Education Committee.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions, are requested to give notice of such intention before the Meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions, or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions X, XI and *XII* are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 17 for due publication.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 11, 1915.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2300.

TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Friday, April 2, to decide upon the number and locality of Foreign Taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applications for new licences, upon the form obtainable at the Tax Office, must be forwarded to the undersigned before March 16.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded to Ratepayers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 25, 1915.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2302.

ROAD PLANS.

NOTICE is hereby given that plans showing new roads, extension and widening of existing roads, and extension of lands already occupied by public works and for purposes of sanitation, in the Eastern District, Sections A and B, as required in Articles VI and VIA of the Land Regulations, are now open to inspection at the Public Works Office. Copies thereof, when prepared, will be sent to the several Consular Land Offices.

Landowners and agents are reminded that, under the provisions of Land Regulation VIA proprietors have the right, for three months after the publication of notice that the plans are open to inspection, to protest in writing against any road, extension or widening of road, or extension of public works, or establishment of sanitary building or works, therein scheduled, following thereafter the procedure laid down in that Regulation.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 4, 1915.

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AT the meeting of the Building Rules Commission held on Thursday, March 4, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. H. C. Gulland (*Chairman*)
F. H. Crossley
E. C. Emmett
S. J. Halse
C. H. Godfrey (*Municipal Engineer*)
P. Peebles
M. W. Pett (*Chief Officer, Fire Brigade*)
G. H. Wright (*Legal Adviser*)

Absent: W. H. Trenchard Davis

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Electricity Committee held on Sunday, March 7, 1915, at 10 o'clock a.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. A. W. Burkill (*Chairman*)
C. M. Bain
F. A. Fairchild
A. S. P. White-Cooper
G. Wuilleumier

The meeting adjourned at 12.50 p.m.

AT the joint meeting of the Council and Electricity Committee held on Monday, March 8, 1915, at 12 o'clock, noon, there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
C. E. Anton
A. W. Burkill
C. M. Bain
E. I. Ezra
F. A. Fairchild
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
A. S. P. White-Cooper
G. Wuilleumier

The meeting adjourned at 1.10 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee held on Tuesday, March 9, 1915, at 12.15 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Rev. Dr. G. H. Bondfield (*Chairman*)
" C. J. F. Symons
" A. J. Walker
Mrs. Bondfield
" Hodges
" Merriman
" Walker

Absent:

Mr. H. Hanbury
" A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 10, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
E. I. Ezra
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
A. S. P. White-Cooper

Absent:

Mr. C. E. Anton

The meeting adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

A petition, drawn by Messrs. Platt, Macleod and Wilson, has been filed by Mrs. Cecile Marie McBain, Mr. John Prentice and Mr. Richard Sadler Freeman McBain, praying for an order that the Council issue a permit for the installation of a water-closet system in the buildings in course of erection on Lot 61 at the corner of The Bund and Sungkiang Roads.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Company.—The resignation of 2nd Lieut. A. C. Lightfoot was forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret on March 5.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following Commissions are authorised for issue.

Maxim Company.—Mr. E. B. Heaton-Smith as 2nd. Lieutenant.

Customs Company.—Mr. H. D. Hilliard as 2nd. Lieutenant, provisionally, pending his passing the requisite examination.

Police Force.

Foreign Branch Quarters.—Additional accommodation has been provided by the arrangement with the undermentioned proprietors, of leases for premises as follows, for the periods hereunder set forth:—

Messrs. Lester, Johnson & Morriss, 7 Avenue Road, 3 years, to January 14, 1918.

Messrs. Geo. McBain, 7 Tsongchow Road, 3 years, to February 28, 1918.

Gaol Reformatory.—The lease from Mr. Aref Tabbah of No. 24 Tongshan Road has been renewed for a further period of three years terminating on February 28, 1918, at a rental of Tls. 300 per mensem.

New Central Offices.

Building Contract.—The Engineer has reported that as a result of the strike in the early part of the winter of masons, carpenters, sawyers, and painters, and of the terms of settlement, the wages of these trades have been increased by 15 per cent. As a general rule the relative value of labour and materials in building works is as 3 to 7. The enhanced cost of buildings due to this increase is thus 4½ per cent., and in application to Yue Chang-tai's contract for the new Central Offices, the amount involved is Tls. 27,000.

The matter has had the fullest consideration at the hands of the Works Committee and has been settled in accordance with the following letter addressed to the contractor:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 27, 1915.

SIR,—With reference to your request for an increase in the contract sum payable for the construction of the new Central Offices, owing to the advance in the wages resultant upon the recent strike in the building trade, I am directed to state that the Council is willing to meet you in this matter to the extent of 4½ per cent. on the total contract amount, as follows. At the conclusion of the work, and provided it is carried out to the Council's complete satisfaction, and within the period stated in the contract, the Council will pay to you the additional sum of Tls. 26,993, such payment to be regarded as a contingent compensatory bonus.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

YUE CHANG-TAI, Esq.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

West Soochow Road and Surplus Land.—Negotiations with the Chinese owner have been concluded for the purchase of the whole of Lot 672, situate on the bank of the Soochow Creek at the assessed value of the lot, Tls. 8,000 per mow, plus 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender and with Tls. 700 added as compensation for removal of 14 Chinese houses. The surveyed area of the lot is Mow 1.545 and the compensation payable Tls. 14,366. Of the area thus acquired, Mow 0 811 is required for the West Soochow Road and the balance remains available for use or resale hereafter as circumstances may direct.

Landing Accommodation.

The jetty opposite the Sungkiang Road will be closed for repairs during a period of two weeks from March 13.

Electricity Department.

Resolution VIII to be proposed by the Council at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and contained in the announcement on the front page of this issue of the Gazette calls for explanation.

The proposal is the outcome of the Amendment to Resolution VIII passed on March 20, 1914, in which the Council was instructed to report in what direction the Department might be strengthened and its working made more elastic without impairing its Municipal status.

At the Council's invitation the Electricity Committee compiled a Report proposing such changes in procedure as the Committee deemed necessary. These changes, however, were found to be such as could not legally be carried into effect, having regard to the Council's duties and responsibilities under the Land Regulations. The Report suggested that the Committee should have power to make contracts with consumers and agreements with the staff, to purchase land and erect buildings, to rent offices, to purchase machinery, to enforce payment of monies due, and to do all those things which imply the status of an individual, firm or corporation. The proposal was, in effect, that the Committee should cease to be advisory in the same manner as are all other sub-committees of, or associated with, the Council, and become executive.

While the Council saw in the proposal no inherent objection, inasmuch as a committee of management appointed

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by the Council is as competent to manage the affairs of the electricity supply undertaking as are the local Boards which control the affairs of the Water, Gas and Telephone supply undertakings, yet it was apparent that so long as the Council's seal is required for concluding agreements, contracts, etc., it is the duty of the members of the Finance Committee of the Council to satisfy themselves of the nature of the terms of such documents. To enable the members to do this involves just that duplication of supervision, firstly by the Electricity Committee and, secondly, by the Council, which forms the origin of the present difficulties of procedure

In these circumstances the Council and the Electricity Committee have jointly arrived at the conclusion that it is desirable to incorporate the Department. The only powers which it is essentially necessary for the Council as a body to retain are just those powers which are ordinarily vested in a body of shareholders, that is to say powers to elect directors, to control capital expenditure, and to decide upon major financial transactions, while to the Electricity Committee may be assigned the duties, as proposed in 1907 when the Committee was formed, of a board of directors of a limited liability company.

In submitting the proposal therefore which is contained in Resolution VIII for the Ratepayers' approval, the Council points out :—

1.—That the status of the Department as a purely Municipal undertaking will be unimpaired.

2.—That the Committee of Management will as heretofore be nominated by the Council.

3.—That the Council will continue to control the policy of the Department.

4.—That no additional capital for the extension of the undertaking will be raised without the sanction of the Ratepayers.

5.—That the Council will be officially relieved of responsibility for the management in detail of the concern.

Municipal Staff.

Volunteer Corps.—Lt.-Col. R. N. Bray will temporarily relinquish command of the Corps on March 22.

Fire Brigade.—Mr. H. Upton was appointed Clerical Assistant in the Fire Brigade on three months probation from March 1.

Police Force.—In recognition of courage in effecting the arrest of an armed Chinese, Constable Schooler was granted 9 months' seniority in class promotion.

Gratuities of Tls. 35 each were authorized for issue to Acting Sergeant Sadler and Constable Hendry in recognition of injuries received while in the execution of their duty on February 8.

In recognition of good work in recovering stolen property, a reward of $60 was authorised for issue to Detective Constable (No. 18) Tsang Thien-ling.

In recognition of courage and promptitude in effecting the arrest of an armed Chinese on February 8, a reward of $25 was authorized for issue to Chinese Constable (No. 1049).

Health Department.—Mr. R. W. Burton was appointed Probationary Assistant Inspector with effect from March 5.

Public School for Boys.—Mr. B. J. Wilden-Hart was appointed Assistant Master in the Public School for Boys with effect from March 4.

Six months leave was granted to the following :—

Assistant Master R. Ross from July 1.

Assistant Mistress Mrs. F. L. Garner from April 7.

Tax Office.—Collector T. O'Hare was dismissed with effect from February 20.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, March 7, numbered 735.

On Sunday next, March 14, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows :—

1. Overture "Hunyady Laszlo" Erkel
*2. (*a*) Berceuse Järnefelt
(*b*) Praeludium "
(*c*) Valse triste Sibelius
3. Madonna Oelschlegel

Trio for Violin, Cello & Harp

Miss Macleod, Messrs. Brandt & Morscher

4. Symphony in C minor (No. 5) Beethoven

*First performance at these concerts.

Conductor, Professor R. Buck.

Return of Communicable Disease.

Reported during the week ending Sunday March 7, 1915.	Cases notified among Foreign resident population of 14,600	Deaths among Chinese resident population of 528,500
Small-pox.	3	9
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	0	27
Plague	0	0
Dysentery	0	1
Total Deaths from all Causes	10	187

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign.
6013	Yangtsze-poo	Y. Hirano	1 Weaving Mill & 2 Latrines
2682	Sinza	Maritime Customs	1 godown
			Chinese
296	Fokien & Soochow	Sun Van-son	32 houses
226	Tientsin	Tsai Zen Shu Dong	Addition to house
645	N. Honan	Gee Ling	8 houses
W of 3150	Avenue	Yao King-kee	Addition to house
N of 1725	Tamsui	Sing Tai	3 houses & 1 gatehouse
132	Wenchow	Yu Sing	4 houses & 1 gatehouse

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for February.

Strength of the Force on February 28.

Officers	8	
Foreigners	228	
Sikhs	573	
Chinese	1,187	
		1,996
Clerical and Teaching Staff	53	
Followers	187	
		240
	Total	2,236

February was a bad month for armed robberies and hold-ups. There were 11 armed robberies from dwelling houses and shops and also 11 armed robberies from the persons of Chinese in the streets and alleyways. In the majority of cases the sums taken were insignificant. In two instances, however, jewellery and clothing to the value of over $10,000 were stolen. It is not necessary to detail each case that occurred, but the following more important ones are published for information :—

At 4.15 a.m., February 6, about 20 armed robbers entered the house of a well-to-do Chinese at No. 967 East Yuhang Road and stole money and jewellery to the value of over $10,000. Several persons are in custody charged with participation in this crime and enquiries are still proceeding.

At 10 p.m., February 9, seven men, one armed with a pistol and three with knives, entered house No. 88 Chungking Road and stole property to the value of $2,000.

At 9.30 p.m., February 16, six men, three armed with pistols and three with knives, entered house No. 366 Ningpo Road and stole property to the value of $2,100.

At about 8 p.m., February 24, five or six men, two armed with pistols and one with a knife, entered No. 17 Koo Ka Loong and stole property to the value of $10,150

There were two murders and one attempted murder during the month, details of which are as follows :—

At 11 p.m., February 12, a Chinese was twice shot and seriously wounded in an alleyway off Dent Road. He

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subsequently died. Several persons are now in custody and their trial is pending. The case promises to be of considerable political significance, documents seized at the time of the arrests pointing in this direction.

At 7.30 p.m., February 20, a gambling quarrel took place between two Chinese at 503 Yuenfong Road as a result of which one of the men stabbed the other who subsequently died. The former is in custody and his trial is pending.

At 7.30 p.m., February 8, a party of plain clothes European and Chinese Police attempted to search three suspicious looking Chinese on Woosung Road. Whilst Acting Sergeant Sadler was in the act of searching one man another standing by turned and shot him in the leg. The three men then ran along Woosung Road pursued by Sadler who could only follow them a short distance as he was bleeding profusely. The chase was continued by Chinese P.C. 430 who was fired at three times by the robbers. Two of the robbers then ran in the direction of Thorne Road and the other west along Haining Road. Constable Hendry, who was on plain clothes duty armed on Fearon Road, joined in the chase at Thorne Road and fired three shots at the robbers, but as he got nearer to them they fired shooting him in the left foot. They then ran over Thorne Road Bridge into Harbin Road district pursued by a number of Constables, and one robber was arrested by Chinese P.C. 1049, the other two making good their escape. The two men who were shot are now almost well.

In connexion with the increase in the number of robberies for February it must be remembered that China New Year occurred in the month under review and that the festival referred to usually provokes an abnormal amount of crime against property. There is little more to be said concerning the armed robber than has already been referred to on many previous occasions. Until, however, the police and general administration of China is conducted on other lines than at present armed robbers will continue to flourish.

According to reports which reach Shanghai from the adjacent country it is evident that there are still numerous bands of armed robbers roaming about the province, pillaging houses and maltreating the inhabitants. One instance is specified wherein the occupant of a house which was raided in a village about 12 miles from Shanghai refused to declare where his valuables were secreted and the robbers instead of presenting a revolver to the head or a knife to the throat of the victim, as they have generally done since the Revolution of 1911 furnished them with an opportunity of procuring modern arms, resorted to the old-time method of applying burning candles to the skin of his armpits in order to make him speak. These bands come at times to the borders of Shanghai and their members have not infrequently been arrested with their booty by the Settlement Police and handed over to the Chinese Authorities.

There are other gangs whose headquarters are in boats on the waterways or in houses and huts beyond limits and whose members function as armed robbers in the Settlement itself. Numbers of these have been arrested, but the bands to which they belong can never be entirely broken up without effective co-operation on the part of the Chinese Authorities. Their chieftains are generally wary criminals with a thorough knowledge of their nefarious trade, who supply the revolvers and apportion the proceeds of the plunder, but who are too cunning to run much risk themselves of being captured by the Police. That is a chance which is only taken by their followers and these when they fail to return to the rendezvous of their chief are replaced so rapidly that, however numerous the apprehensions, the band in a short time re-appears in all its former strength usually after a sojourn in the country north of the Yangtsze River.

One man named Zau Tsz-foh (曹之福), whose followers were counted by hundreds and who was fortunately captured by the Municipal Police in the beginning of January and handed over to the Military Governor, has since his apprehension had charges of murder, incendiarism and robbery committed outside limits formulated against him by no fewer than eighty-eight complainants.

Larcenies in general show a decrease as compared with January, 1915, but are higher than in February, 1914.

A case shewing the good effect produced by the present system of searching suspicious looking persons in the streets occurred during the month when a European Constable who was on duty on Range Road stopped and searched two Chinese and found one in possession of 76 counterfeit 20-cent pieces and 91 counterfeit 10-cent pieces. Unfortunately whilst the Constable was searching this man his companion made good his escape. The arrested man was charged at the Mixed Court and sentenced.

As the result of a panic which occurred at the Red Temple in the Nanking Road an elderly Chinese woman was crushed to death. It appears that some mischievous people in the temple enclosure raised an alarm of fire. A stampede occurred and, as the place was crowded owing to the New Year festivities, the single exit was insufficient to allow everybody to escape easily. Steps are now being taken to remedy this defect.

Fires.—19 fires occurred during the month, but in only 9 of these were the services of the Fire Brigade required, the remainder being extinguished either by the Police or inmates.

Rabies.—It is notified for general information that owing to the prevalence of rabies at the present time in and near the Settlement the Police have received the strictest instructions to enforce the licensing and muzzling regulations. Residents in the Settlement and in the outer districts can greatly assist the Police by taking every precaution to see that the regulations are strictly carried out. So far as Chinese unmuzzled wonks are concerned the usual repressive measures are being relentlessly carried out – in other words, these animals are shot at sight by special Police on duty.

Arming of Chinese Police.—The arrival at the beginning of the year of 750 carbines each supplied with a magazine for six cartridges enabled the Sikh Police to be re-armed with a more efficient weapon. The old carbines were carefully examined and it was found that a number of them were still serviceable. In order to enable as many armed Police to be in the streets as possible it was decided to train a certain number of picked Chinese Constables in the use of the old weapon. As a result 110 men were given a month's training in simple drill and were passed through a course of musketry. It was surprising to see the rapidity with which these men learned their drill and the use of the weapon. They were drafted out to the various districts on February 12 and now perform their duty armed with carbines. There is every confidence that they will use these weapons efficiently and properly. A further draft of 92 picked men is at present under similar training.

Examination of Motor Car Drivers.—In order to facilitate the work of the Police and as a matter of convenience to those concerned, owners of motor cars are notified that the Traffic Inspector at Central Police Station will examine those desirous to qualify for driving certificates as follows :—

Chinese—2 p.m. to 4 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

Foreigners—By appointment.

Identification Office.—During the month 449 prisoners' records passed through this office for identification prior to the prisoners going to Court for trial, out of which number 157 were identified as having a previous conviction or convictions. In addition to the above 176 records were received from the French Police, out of which number 72 were identified in the records of this office, making the total for the month :—

For identification	625	
Identified	229	
Percentage	36	
Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" only		5
Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" and other offences		17
	Total	22

The prisoners who have been arrested during the month are classified as follows :—

226 *First offenders* (minor).—Larcenies, assaults, etc.

66 *First offenders* (serious).—Fraud, burglaries, etc.

57 *Second offenders.*—Not expelled.

32 *Third offenders.* do.

35 *Hobital offenders* (minor).—Not expelled. These prisoners are constantly in and out, receiving very small sentences. None have less than three previous convictions.

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33 *Habitual offenders* (serious).—These are all men with numerous convictions and are all deportees. Included in this number are 3 men who had previously been released under the Mark System of Remission of Sentence.

449 Total

Sick Returns.—Average daily number of men sick.

Foreigners	9.82
Sikhs	21.29
Chinese	10.82
All Branches	41.93

Average daily percentage of strength sick.

Foreigners	4.29
Sikhs	3.71
Chinese	.91
All Branches	2.06
Average daily strength of Force	1,993

Return of Convict Labour for February.

Gross value of work performed for the Public Works Department	Tls. 236.23
Less. Hammer handles, etc.	85.00
Total	Tls. 151.23
Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the Public Works Department	Tls. 1,151.54
Less. Cost of raw material, etc.	641.79
Total	Tls. 509.75
Grand Total earned by Convict Labour	Tls. 660.98

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licences suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered.

K. J. McEuen,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

RETURN OF FOREIGNERS COMING UNDER NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

1.—*Offences against the person* :—	
Assault	6
Cutting and wounding	1
2.—*Offences against property* :—	
Larceny	3
3.—*Offences of a Public Nature* :—	
Breach of Municipal Bye-laws and Regulations :—	
Dog	2
Drunk, disorderly and assault, etc	12
Riding a bicycle without light	1
Total	25

	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Not Charged:			
Beggars, hawkers, etc.		1,503	1,503
Others	43	655	698
Total	43	2,158	2,201

RETURN OF SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

Conviction entered	1
Dismissed	3
Fined	15
Imprisonment	2
Imprisonment and fined	1
Remanded	3
Total	25

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY on February 28.

Central Station	45
Louza Station	39
Hongkew Station	34
Harbin Road Station	4
West Hongkew Station	8
Wayside Station	15
Yangtszepoo Station	9
Sinza Station	26
Bubbling Well Station	7
Gordon Road Station	3
Gaol	1,024
Total	1,214

VEHICLE LICENCES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	398	1,650
Wheelbarrow	nil.	nil.
Handcart	nil.	nil.
Total	398	1,650

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN January 30 and February 26, 1915.

	Dollars
Stolen	60,771.51
Recovered	9,286.26

DOGS.

At Kennels on 31/1/15	18	166
Captured	148	
Returned	16	166
Killed	136	
At Observation Kennels	—	
Remaining at Kennels	14	

Engineer's Report for February.

An exceptionally heavy fall of snow occurred on the morning of Sunday, February 7, a depth of between 4 inches and 5 inches being recorded. It commenced falling at about 4 a.m. and continued until 11 a.m. when it changed to rain and so continued for the rest of the day. All available labour and rolling stock was used to carry out the removal of the snow, and the roads were cleaned with as little delay as possible, the main thoroughfares receiving prior treatment. The removal was completed on the Monday, 8,000 cartloads of snow having been dealt with. On each day about 2,000 coolies and 120 carts were employed on the work. The Tramway Company used their snow ploughs with good effect in clearing their tracks.

Roads.—The mud tracks in Great Western Road and Siccawei Road have received a dressing of Ningpo sand with a view to improving them for riding purposes. These two roads are extensively used by the riding community and the treatment accorded has up to the present resulted both in a general improvement and in a surface which is easier to maintain in a satisfactory condition.

The metalling of a 12 foot strip of Edinburgh Road has been completed as far as its junction with Yuyuen Road. The macadam road at the crossing of Gordon Road and Avenue Road has been replaced by concrete laid to a depth of 6 inches. The jolting which previously resulted to traffic passing in Gordon Road at this junction has thereby been obviated.

Drainage.—The laying of the Defence Creek culvert has been completed as far as the junction with Canton Road and work on the foundations is being carried out on the last section, viz., that between Cemetery Road Bridge and the Yangkingpang. The manufacture of the penstocks to regulate the flow of water between the culvert and the Race Course ditches is well in hand.

Buildings.—Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays the amount of work done during February, itself a short month, has been generally speaking comparatively small. The foundations of the Tower of the new Central Offices are now completed, and the driving of the concrete piles for the foundations of the Drill Hall trusses is well advanced.

The walls of the new Thomas Hanbury School for Boys are up to first floor level, and the construction of the heating chamber is in hand. Difficulty is experienced at this site owing to the swampy nature of the land adjoining, which continually drains itself on to the School site.

The heating chamber at the Nieh Chih-kuei Public School for Chinese is finished and the contractor's work generally is progressing satisfactorily.

The new Sentry tower at the Gaol is approaching completion. The reinforcement for the roof has been completed and the concrete is being laid.

Fingchiao Quarry.—1,131 fong of road material was dispatched to the Public Works Department during the month, and 60 fong on behalf of the French Council.

Cleansing and Watering	*Total*
Road sweepings collected	3,613
Used for raising land	427
Ashes collected	24

Water used for street watering 2,302,000 gallons.

Labour.—The average daily number of labourers employed was as follows :—

Coolies	2,044
Artisans	271
Foremen	204
Mafoos	167
Convicts	183

Concreteware.—The following has been produced during the month:—

Hand-made	10,883 pieces
Machine-made	2,036 ,,

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Casual Ward.—There were two admissions during the month and 8 cubic feet of stone broken.

New Buildings.—Summary of work done during the month :—

Description of Work	*Total*
*Buildings under construction	234
Plans submitted for approval	29
Plans approved	24
Inspections by Inspectors	2,069
Boundary walls erected	1
Carpenter and watchmen's sheds erected	9
Repairs to buildings effected	44
New shop fronts inserted	17
Shop fronts, etc., painted	144
Alterations effected	19
Fences erected	12
Sign-boards erected	282
Drying stages erected	2
Temporary cloth sunshades erected	27
Temporary mat sunshades erected	28
Dangerous notices issued	1

*These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Dangerous structures reported by the Public Works Department	1
1st Intimation Notices issued	1
2nd " " "	—

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new lots	23
Boundary stone certificates issued	21
Consular lots surveyed	12
New Consular lots placed under taxation	10
Official plans prepared	14
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions	60
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads and/or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	23

M. C. R. Stones have been erected as follows :—

Central District	8
Eastern "	3
Western "	44

CHAS H. GODFREY,
Engineer & Surveyor.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬各項本章程公開列於下

二 所有承攬本局各項工程之人須先行估定價目必准攬之人方准目錄承辦如有不合者不准承辦

三 人須覓妥保證人之保證書方准承攬

四 所有以前承攬本局之人如有不合者亦不准承辦

五 本局有取消承攬之權

六 所有承攬工程之人須繳納保證金方准承辦

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TENDERS INVITED.

No.	Description.	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders
	VOLUNTEER CORPS.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at Headquarters, 15 Canton Road.		
1.	2.500 yards Khaki Drill	—	March 31.
	POLICE FORCE.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Storekeeper, Gordon Road.		
52.	500 Brown Blankets 84in. by 60in. 5lb each. To be delivered on or before October 15.	—	April 15.
54.	Supply of 10 tons of Coir Yarn in loose bales. To be delivered on or before July 6. Samples may be obtained from the Assistant Superintendent at the Gaol.	—	April 29.

Extra issues of the Municipal Gazette will be published, as follows :—
On Friday, March 12, the Electrical Engineer's extension proposals.
On Saturday, March 13, the Electricity Committee's Report on the future management of the Department, with the legal opinion thereon.

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